

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Jonathan Thorne of New York city, is the guest of James McFarlane Esq.

Miss Clara Fague of Hughesville, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Dr. Hill, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. John N. Messenger of LaPorte, are visiting relatives in Susquehanna county.

Harry Bigger of Dushore, was transacting business at the LaPorte tannery, on Saturday last.

Dr. W. B. Hill of LaPorte, was visiting his brother P. K. Hill, in Rochester, N. Y., last week.

Prothonotary Walsh and F. M. Crossley, both of LaPorte, took in the Benton Fair last week, and report a boss good time.

Mrs. Eva Hamilton who was recently convicted of atrocious assault upon Mary Donnelly, was taken to the Trenton Penitentiary, last week.

North Dakota, South Dakota and Washington States, have gone Republican, while Montana is still in doubt but rather conceded to the Democrat ranks.

C. Peale jr., and W. H. Vanbuskirk, both of Eaglesmere, left for Washington D. C., on Monday where they will take in the re-union of the Knight Templars.

John Pardoe of Forksville has recently erected a handsome residence in the village of Forksville. The interior as well as the exterior is finished in neat and artistic style. Mr. Pardoe formerly resided in Elkland twp., where he owns two large farms but owing to failing health was obliged to abandon the hard work necessary on the same.

It was remarked in Forksville last week by a Forksville Democratic politician and a special friend of John Utz that the Western portion of Sullivan county would give Lawrence one hundred and fifty majority in November next. This is without doubt a true statement and will result in electing Lawrence to the office of Sheriff by over one hundred majority.

We met our friend and every body's friend, Uncle Samuel Norton at Forksville on Friday last and are pleased to note that the aged gentleman is looking exceedingly well for an old veteran at the age of 80 years. Uncle Henry is a good Republican and during his younger days did much for the cause. He is more value to the party at present than the majority of young fellows.

A young couple was in town on Saturday and marched to the Prothonotary's office where they secured a marriage license, thence to Esquire Mason's office for the purpose of having the matrimonial ceremonies performed and was disappointed in finding Mr. Mason absent from home. They consoled themselves, however, by the idea that they could have the ceremonies performed on the road between LaPorte and their destination. We lost sight of them here.

Rev. Samuel F. Colt of Wysox has issued invitations for the marriage of his daughter Miss Harriet Elmore, to Mr. Charles Philip Wagner, superintendent and telegraph operator of the L. V. express office at Wysox. The bride formerly resided in LaPorte where she spent her school days and has hosts of friends who wish that the path of the couple be strewn with roses, prosperity and happiness. The interesting ceremony will be performed at the residence of Mr. Colt on Wednesday evening Oct. 16th, at 6:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Mary Karns, of Benton Columbia county, mother of Russel Karns, of LaPorte, whom we made mention of as being dangerously ill in our issue of Sept. 27th, died on Thursday morning last of pneumonia, aged 79 years. Mrs. Karns during the past few years had visited Mr. Karns at this place and made many friends in the vicinity of LaPorte. She was a kind christian woman and her chief pastime was to make life a pleasure to those surrounding her. Mr. Karns received word of her death on Thursday and in company with his wife left for Benton on Saturday where they attended the funeral services on Sunday.

Miss Kitty Kennedy of LaPorte, is visiting Mr. Jas. Farley and family, at New Briton, Staten Island.

Scouten has an idea that he would make a first-rate Sheriff. We doubt if the people of Sullivan county will give him an opportunity to show his skill in this capacity.

The Republicans of Sullivan county are invited to be present at LaPorte on October 16th '89 at 2 p. m., at which time and place Hon. Henry K. Boyer and Hon. Wm. H. Andrews, Chairman Republican State Committee, will be present and will present to the Republicans of Sullivan county the BANNER won in the '88 campaign. The meeting will be in conference. The visitors desire a full house. Come by all means. Remember the date, Wednesday, Oct. 16th.

The motives which have induced John Utz to oppose such men as Hon. Bryan S. Collins and Michael McDonald are too well known to make it necessary for us to state them. It is a motive which he may now wish to deny, but it is too late. The bitterness is still in his heart and only hides the time when he can make it felt. Let those, and those only, who share his hatred for such men as B. S. Collins and Michael McDonald vote for him.

The *Gazette* says "nearly everyone" admits that Utz would make a better Sheriff than Lawrence. We have yet to hear of the first man who has said that. In what way is Utz better than Lawrence. Is he more sober? Is he more honest? Is he more careful? Is he more intelligent? Is he more active? Is he more free from political corruption? Is he a fitter man? Will the *Gazette* please answer these queries? But the *Gazette* says that Utz has helped more men financially embarrassed than any other man in the county. This may be true and the judgment and mortgage docket proves it. But is it a favor to loan a man money on interest on a cut throat note or mortgage amply secured? The payment of interest is generally considered to be a fair return for the loan of money. But of course if a rich man loans a poor man money and secures it on a little farm and gets a high rate of interest he is a wonderfully good fellow and has a right to own the poor man's body, vote and breeches. That appears to be the *Gazette* doctrine, but we venture to say it will not be approved by the poor men of Sullivan county. Will Lawrence get his living with a plane and hammer and doesn't have any coupons to cut or interest to draw, but we don't believe a man has to be rich to make a good officer.

The Sullivan county Fair held at Forksville last week was attended by a much larger gathering than for the past two or three years. On Thursday two thousand tickets were sold which was from one to two hundred more than has ever been sold in one day, to previous Sullivan county agricultural exhibitions. The exhibits with but few exceptions were not noticeable for their superiority but was very fair and equal to the standard. The display in the main building was very good and was visited with interest. The exhibit of horses was not noticeable for its number although in this department centred an attraction by the appearance of a yearling colt, color sore weighing in the neighborhood of 550 lbs. In the cattle department was stabled many valuable cattle. The chief attraction here was a Holstein bull owned by L. B. Speaker. This animal weighs 17 hundred pounds and was an immense sight. The swine subdivision was good. We remained here but a short time. The sheep department was represented by a goodly number and many was much larger than the ordinary sheep. We did not notice any poultry but presume they were in the market. On the grounds were represented all kinds of amusements. The chief attraction of which was a show which was visited by a large percentage of the light-seers in attendance at the Fair. The politicians were exceedingly numerous. The Granville band was employed by the proper officials and discoursed some fine music.

G. W. Cole of LaPorte Tannery and daughter Miss Mattie accompanied by Miss Agnes J. Wrede, were in attendance at the Benton Fair, last week. They all report a good time.

Considerate men are asking "why does John Utz want to be Sheriff?" Who can tell. He has been Sheriff once and can gain no honor by holding the office again. He has business enough now, and the legitimate profits of the office are not much to a wealthy man like him. He must know that his election if elected, will cost him more round dollars than the legitimate profits of the office will bring him. Why does he want it? Some people think that he and his smart son-in-law have in view some cunning scheme to make money out of unfortunate debtors at Sheriff's sales. It is said that for ways that are dark and for tricks that are vain the heathen Chinese is peculiar, but John Utz knows more about shaving notes and managing executions than John Chinaman ever thought of, and when he gets his head along side of that smart limb of the law who is helping him run his campaign it will be a wonder if the legal squeezer is not worked with such dexterity that filthy lucre will run into their pockets like apple juice from a cider press.

If any one has doubts about John Utz, let them ask Hiram Long, an honest farmer of Cherry township, what he thinks about him. Hiram is too honest and retiring to say much, but the Stenographer's report of the testimony in the case of McCadden against Long will tell the whole story.

We invite the smart son-in-law to give the details of that suit in our column's.

John Utz vs William Lawrence is the case on trial before a jury of all the voters of Sullivan county. The issue is shall a rich man's money be stronger to win votes than an honest man's intelligence and integrity.

The rich man's money nominated him. The rich man's money pushed honest Frank Crossley off of the track, but it was done suddenly and secretly that the people had no chance to save him. They can sustain him hereafter if the moneyed man is rebuked by a defeat. The issue is now clear to all. What shall the verdict be? Can the majority of the voters of Sullivan county be hired or whipped in to elect one unworthy rich man, and defeat a worthy poor man. William Lawrence is a hard working, clear headed mechanic; a good citizen competent and worthy of the office. He did not seek the nomination; it was urged upon him. He said before he was nominated that he could not take money from his business to expend in the election campaign, nor did he believe in expending money in that way even if he had it. He was assured that the people wanted just such a man. That it was time bribery and corruption should cease in this county, and they wanted a man not able to spend money, in order that the voters of the county could have a fair chance to show that they are sound to the core and will uphold a true man, who comes before them with clean hands and a pure heart. Men of Sullivan county we say unto you this is not a trifling issue. It is not merely Utz or Lawrence to serve writs and attend Sheriff's sales. This issue is far deeper and more important than that. The question is, will you tolerate the buying of votes? Are you content to see Tom Dick and Harry running around electioneering with the price of their manhood in their pockets? Can you rest easy to see X. Y. and Z., calling up crowds and treating them with whiskey purchased with the candidates money? Can you wink at political prostitution as you see it carried on by hired runners and their dupes and slaves? These are not hypothetical questions, but as all men know they are sad solemn questions based on existing facts. Now is the time of honest men! Now is the time to set the seal of everlasting condemnation on the vile political methods, which are endangering our republican form of government.

With this issue we enter upon the eighth year of the publication of the SULLIVAN REPUBLICAN. When we bought the plant we did so with some doubt as to the wisdom of attempting to publish a Republican paper in this county. We determined, however, to give it a fair trial, believing that Democrats as well as Republicans would prefer an honorable and open opponent to a secret enemy. The result has proven that an out-spoken; fearless newspaper of Republican politics can be supported in this county. We have by hard work and strict attention to business, paid off all indebtedness incurred in the purchase and are to-day the sole owner of the REPUBLICAN, free from debt and doing a fairly prosperous business.

During the past we have taken part in every important question which has arisen and have expressed our views fearlessly and not at the dictation of any one. While we are publishing a Republican paper yet we never have permitted partisanship to blind our judgment and our readers can recall several instances where the REPUBLICAN showed its independence of mere party considerations. In the future as in the past, the good of the county and of its citizens, shall be our first care, and will faithfully endeavor to advocate all measures or methods which will advance the interests of our county and we will fearlessly expose any abuses we may discover no matter where we find it.

As he is a working man himself the editor naturally is in sympathy with all movements which have a tendency to better the condition of working men. They are the true bone and sinew of the country and on their prosperity depends the prosperity of the whole people. We fully believe that the best and only hope of relief for working men lies in the Republican party. Under whose wise methods the vast industrial interests of this country have been developed and maintained. But the time has now arrived for the great party which has unshackled four million slaves to unloosen the fetters which bind the workingmen. That should be done and, if the workingmen themselves unite, will be done without disturbing society or injuring the best interests of capitalists. In a little county like Sullivan we can do but little, but that little should be done. The REPUBLICAN will be found on the side of the people and advocating right measures to the best of its ability. To enable us to continue our independent and untrammelled course our friends should assist us in such ways as they can and we confidently rely on their support. We hope in a short time to still further improve our paper although it is now giving more county news, including the official news, than both the other papers combined. But with more space we could give additional value to our readers, and we hope soon to be able to announce the enlargement.

A notable trio, with their heads together at the Forksville Fair, were John Utz, John Scouten and A. Logan Grim.

The sharpest and most incisive talker among the Democrats at the Forksville Fair was William Hottenstein of Forks. He kept an interested group around him most of the time. He showed up the character of John Utz from "way back." In the light of his renunciations the Democratic standing of John Utz "grew small by degrees and beautifully less," until not a Democrat in the crowd could say a word in his favor. Hottenstein says he has nothing against Utz personally but it makes him tired to hear them call Utz a Democrat. "If fighting the Democratic party makes a good Democrat," he says "then Utz is a good Democrat, for he has done more to destroy the Democratic party in Sullivan county than any other man."

A friend of Utz tried to silence Hottenstein by saying they would fight him if he ever wanted anything. Hottenstein replied "when I ask for anything you may fight me if you want too, but if you do for me as you do for Utz the more I fight the nominees of the Democratic party the surer I will be of your support." The crowd cheered and the Utz man departed without further remarks.

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